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During the course of the NGS Meeting on March 1st, many questions arose concerning the Trust Obligations between the Tribes and the United States, the impact of NGS on the economies of the Tribes, the Counties and the State of Arizona along with the Water Rights issues of the CAP Tribes.

While a conference call could suffice, I believe it is in the best interest to hold a meeting of the Subgroup in Arizona on the afternoon of Wednesday April 5th and the morning of Thursday April 6th at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler Arizona.

In preparation for this meeting I am asking each of you to prepare a briefing on the following issues for your organization.

1. What are the Trust Responsibilities between your organization and the Federal Government/Tribal Nations.
2. What is the current impact of NGS on your organization and how would closure affect your organizations ability to continue at this current level.
3. What are identifiable Economic Opportunities that can sustain and/or replace the benefits derived from NGS for your organization.

4. What Common Ground/Resources already exist that could play a role moving forward.

In addition, Governor Stephen Lewis from the Gila River Indian Community will be heading a Subgroup on CAP Water issues. Since many of us overlap, we should plan on also plan on addressing those issues during our meeting.

Between now and March 31st. please send any items that you would feel need to be included on the Agenda.

Please contact the office of Governor Stephen Lewis for information on the the Sheraton Grand Hotel.

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I look forward to working with each of you on this important matter.

Best Regards,

Ben Keel